

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 2-10, 12 and 13 remain in the application. Claims 1, 11, and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2-10 and 12 have been amended.
2. Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections.
3. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 4, 8, 9, 10, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 4 and 8 to include all the limitations of claims 1. The dependencies of the remaining claims have been amended accordingly.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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